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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, NOVEMBER 9, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, ex rel.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

Ex Parte: In the matter of  
implementation of number  
conservation measures  
granted to Virginia by the Federal  
Communications Commission in its  
order released July 20, 2000

CASE NO. PUC000304

ORDER

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 fundamentally restructured local telephone markets and opened the door to a host of new issues related to competition in the telecommunications industry. Along with the opportunities brought about by the Act came unprecedented demand for NXX codes due to the proliferation of fax machines, computer modems, cellular phones, and competitive carriers in the local service market. Consequently, area codes are rapidly exhausting in Virginia and nationwide.

The Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission") is firmly committed to taking all necessary and appropriate steps to conserve numbering resources in the Commonwealth of Virginia. One important step towards number conservation is the implementation of thousand block number pooling.

On July 20, 2000, the FCC granted the Commission authority to implement thousand block number pooling in Virginia. In order to facilitate pooling, the Commission must first select a Number Pooling Administrator. We hereby direct the Commission Staff to request proposals from interested vendors, and select a pooling administrator based on those proposals.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC000304.
- (2) The Commission Staff shall request proposals from vendors interested in serving as the Number Pooling Administrator in Virginia and shall make a selection based on the proposals received.
- (3) This matter is continued for further orders of the Commission.